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SUBJECT: GENERAL Islamic People's Congress
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1. VLXIVA has requested us to forward the following to you:

2. VLXIVA will appreciate your comment with regard to certain information, as outlined in paragraph two below, which has reached us, with respect to the proposed holding in Damascus next spring of an Islamic People's Congress.

3. We hear from London that General Khalid Musa, who heads the Muslim League in Palestine, all along has acted as Adj. Arab Envoy, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, to assist in the organization of such a conference and to act as president thereof. It is further alleged that the Mufti's nephew, Abdullah, has informed himself in India of support for such a conference, the object of which would be to create an Arab People's League which would oppose the Arab League, which latter he considers too subservient to the western powers. There is also vague talk of a move to round out the Russians as to whether they would handle such a League if the Mufti succeeds with his plan.

4. Since this report, if true, injects a new element into the original concept of the Islamic People's Congress as described to us in earlier reports from Karachi, it will be appreciated if you will let us have your opinion as to the probable accuracy of the report.

5. Similar comment is being requested from our contact in Karachi.

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